Thank you for serving our state. I hope you will also serve the people and their safety. There is no reason that people should not have the right to bear arms. The government, however, should be judicious in what those arms are. Magazine cartridges are not necessary for someone uninterested in multiple killing capacity. Guns should be registered so they can be traced by law officers. Background checks need to be more thorough and waiting periods significantly longer. With all the technology available, how is there not a system for centralizing the purchase of ammunition? It could allow red flags when someone purchases more than a normal amount of ammunition.

The fact is that criminals who want to do harm will circumvent systems. We can however make it reasonable for the good citizen to have their rights not violated and simply institute some constraints to control potential misuse. The NRA's cavalier attitude that it is an all or nothing issue is ridiculous just like the reactionary impulse to take away all arms. There are steps that can and should be taken to protect our citizens of this great nation.

Please take the time and carefully deliberate and consider the safety of us all Thank you Sincerely Maureen Chilton